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- ¶1. (SBU) The following cable provides information on security, public diplomacy, political, and consular activities related to the Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics.
- ¶2. (U) The interagency USG Joint Operations Center (JOC) can be contacted on a 24-hour basis at the following numbers:
- JOC Direct Line: 011-86-010-6532-6966. - U.S. Embassy Beijing: 011-86-010-6532-3431, JOC extension 6200. - JOC fax: 011-86-010-6532-4763. - S

KEY ISSUES

- ¶3. (SBU) In what appears to be a random act of violence, the U.S. Embassy has confirmed that three U.S. citizens and their Chinese guide were injured in an attack on August 9, 2008.
- ¶4. (SBU) The perpetrator, identified as Chinese citizen Tang Yongming, appears to have acted alone and leaped to his death after the attack; his death was confirmed by Chinese authorities. The U.S. Embassy is cooperating with their U.S. counterparts and the U.S. Embassy will provide updates to the USOC security office as they are received from the Chinese authorities.

SECURITY ISSUES

- ¶5. (S/REL to USA, FVEY) Threats: Olympics Possible Target for East Turkestan Groups: Tearline information indicates that, "According to a Chinese source, the East Turkestan Islamic Movement (ETIM) is planning to attack the Olympics." (S/REL to USA, FVEY)
- ¶6. (S/NF) Europe-Based Uighur on Possible Attacks in China: The Albanian State Intelligence Service on 08/06/2008 provided information indicating that Uighur groups are planning to attack the Olympics.
- ¶7. (SBU) Incidents: Violence in Kuqa, Xinjiang: According to Xinhua, China's state media agency, several explosions occurred on 08/10/2008 in Kuqa, Xinjiang. Police and military have reportedly sealed off the area. An individual who answered a U.S. Embassy Officer's phone call to Kuqa reported that the area was under a curfew.
- ¶8. (SBU) False Fire Alarm: On the evening of 08/09/2008, the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) representative in the JOC was notified that a false fire alarm had been triggered at the National Stadium.
- ¶9. (SBU) Olympic Protests: Pro-Tibetan Protesters Removed from China: Advocates for Tibetan independence continue to be detained and deported. On 08/09/2008--Five persons, including three Americans, detained at Tiananmen Square; American citizens deported to Los Angeles and Hong Kong. On 08/08/2008--Three Americans detained at the National Stadium ("Bird's Nest") before the Olympic opening ceremony; deported to Los Angeles. On 08/06/2008--Four persons, including two Americans, detained near the National Stadium ("Bird's Nest"); American citizens deported to Los Angeles.
- ¶10. (SBU) Hong Kong Protests: According to various media reports, at least six protesters were removed from the Sha Tin Olympic Equestrian venue on 08/09/2008. Among the six were reportedly two American citizens belonging to the "Students for a Free Tibet" organization. All protesters attempted to enter the venue.

SECURITY OPERATIONS

- ¶11. (SBU) Olympic Venues Protected by Infrared Wall: According to a report in Beijing Zhongguo Xinwen She, more than 400 infrared poles have been installed around the Olympic venues.
- ¶12. (SBU) Shenyang Security Update: According to the Regional Security Officer (RSO) in Shenyang, as of 08/10/2008 security is at the highest level.

- ¶13. (SBU) The USG Delegation to the Opening Ceremony--headed by the President of the United States--remains in Beijing; the Delegation is expected to arrive in Beijing on August 11, 2008.

- ¶14. (U) Please refer to the "Key Issues" section for information on Public Affairs activities as of 08/10/2008.

CONSULAR AFFAIRS

- ¶15. (SBU) Please refer to the "Key Issues" and "Security Issues" sections for information on Consular activities as of 08/10/2008.

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

- ¶16. (SBU) Air Quality: The UK Telegraph reports that the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology ordered its European partners in a Beijing meeting to leave the city due to poor air quality.
- ¶17. (U) Georgian Athletes Will Remain: Despite rumors that Georgian Olympic athletes were going to withdraw from the Games to protest Russia's actions in Georgia, the athletes will remain in Beijing.